

Senate Amendment 3250

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1 1 Amend the House amendment, S=3208, to Senate File
1 2 200, as passed by the Senate, as follows:
1 3 #1. By striking page 1, line 8, through page 4,
1 4 line 33, and inserting the following:
1 5 <Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. 455B.118 WATERSHED
1 6 IMPROVEMENT FUND.
1 7 1. A watershed improvement fund is created in the
1 8 state treasury under the joint administrative control
1 9 of the department of natural resources and the
1 10 department of agriculture and land stewardship.
1 11 Moneys appropriated to the fund and any other moneys
1 12 available to and obtained or accepted by either
1 13 department for placement in the fund shall be
1 14 deposited in the fund. Additionally, payments of
1 15 interest, recaptures of awards, and other repayments
1 16 to the fund shall be deposited in the fund.
1 17 Notwithstanding section 12C.7, subsection 2, interest
1 18 or earnings on moneys in the fund shall be credited to
1 19 the fund. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the
1 20 fund that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the
1 21 end of the fiscal year shall not revert, but shall
1 22 remain available for the same purpose in the
1 23 succeeding fiscal year. Moneys appropriated to either
1 24 department and deposited in the fund shall not be used
1 25 for administrative purposes.
1 26 2. The purposes of the watershed improvement fund
1 27 are the following:
1 28 a. Enhancement of water quality in the state
1 29 through a variety of impairment-based, locally
1 30 directed watershed improvement grant projects.
1 31 b. Positively affecting the management and use of
1 32 water for the purposes of drinking, agriculture,
1 33 recreation, sport, and economic development in the
1 34 state.
1 35 c. Ensuring public participation in the process of
1 36 determining priorities related to water quality
1 37 including but not limited to all of the following:
1 38 (1) Agricultural runoff and drainage.
1 39 (2) Stream bank erosion.
1 40 (3) Municipal discharge.
1 41 (4) Stormwater runoff.
1 42 (5) Unsewered communities.
1 43 (6) Industrial discharge.
1 44 (7) Livestock runoff.
1 45 3. A watershed improvement review committee is
1 46 established consisting of all of the following voting
1 47 members, appointed by the named entity or entities and
1 48 approved by the governor:
1 49 a. One member of the agribusiness association of
1 50 Iowa.
2 1 b. One member of the Iowa association of water
2 2 agencies.
2 3 c. One member of the Iowa environmental council.
2 4 d. One member of the Iowa farm bureau federation.
2 5 e. One member of the Iowa pork producers
2 6 association.
2 7 f. One member of the Iowa rural water association.
2 8 g. One member of the Iowa soybean association.
2 9 h. One member representing soil and water
2 10 conservation districts of Iowa.
2 11 i. One member of the Iowa association of county
2 12 conservation boards.
2 13 j. One person representing the department of
2 14 agriculture and land stewardship.
2 15 k. One person representing the department of
2 16 natural resources.
2 17 4. The watershed improvement review committee
2 18 shall do all of the following:
2 19 a. Award local watershed improvement grants and
2 20 monitor the progress of local watershed improvement
2 21 projects awarded grants. A local watershed
2 22 improvement grant may be awarded for a period not to
2 23 exceed three years. Each local watershed improvement
2 24 grant awarded shall not exceed ten percent of the

2 25 moneys appropriated for the grants during a fiscal
2 26 year.
2 27 b. Assist with the development of monitoring plans
2 28 for local watershed improvement projects.
2 29 c. Review monitoring results before, during, and
2 30 after completion of a local watershed improvement
2 31 project.
2 32 d. Review costs and benefits of mitigation
2 33 practices utilized by a project.
2 34 e. By January 31, annually, submit an electronic
2 35 report to the governor and the general assembly
2 36 regarding the progress of the watershed improvement
2 37 projects during the previous calendar year.
2 38 f. Elicit the expertise of their organizations for
2 39 technical assistance in the work of the review
2 40 committee.
2 41 g. Adopt administrative rules pursuant to chapter
2 42 17A to administer this section.
2 43 5. A watershed improvement review committee member
2 44 who also serves on a local watershed improvement
2 45 committee shall abstain from voting on a local
2 46 watershed improvement grant application submitted by
2 47 the same local watershed improvement committee of
2 48 which the person is a member.
2 49 6. a. A local watershed improvement committee
2 50 shall be organized for the purposes of applying for a
3 1 local watershed improvement grant and implementing a
3 2 local watershed improvement project. Each local
3 3 watershed improvement grant application shall include
3 4 a methodology for attaining measurable, observable,
3 5 and performance-based results. A majority of the
3 6 members of the local watershed improvement committee
3 7 shall represent a cause for the impairment of the
3 8 watershed. The committee shall be authorized as a
3 9 not-for-profit organization by the secretary of state.
3 10 Soil and water conservation districts may also be
3 11 eligible and apply for and receive local watershed
3 12 improvement grants.
3 13 b. A local watershed improvement committee shall
3 14 be responsible for application for and implementation
3 15 of an approved local watershed improvement grant,
3 16 including providing authorization for project bids and
3 17 project expenditures under the grant. A portion of
3 18 the grant moneys may be used to engage engineering
3 19 expertise related to the project. The committee shall
3 20 monitor local performance throughout the local
3 21 watershed grant project and shall submit a report at
3 22 six-month intervals regarding the progress and
3 23 findings of the project as required by the watershed
3 24 improvement review committee.>
3 25 ~~_____~~. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 3
3 26 and inserting the following: <An Act relating to
3 27 agriculture by providing for the powers and duties of
3 28 the department of agriculture and land stewardship and
3 29 watershed improvement.>>
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